

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	COMPANY	CITY	STATE
Preston	White	EMSA	Tulsa	OK
Robert	Breihof, III	Metro West Ambulance	Hillsboro	OR
Rose	Durschmidt	Woodburn Ambulance Service	Woodburn	OR
Daren	Groff	Bay Cities Ambulance	Coos Bay	OR
Christopher	Pfingsten	Metro West Ambulance	Hillsboro	OR
Philip	Reid	Metro West Ambulance	Hillsboro	OR
Tracy	Schroeder	Medix Ambulance	Warrenton	OR
Monica	Stephens	Pacific West Ambulance	Newport	OR
Nicholas	Yoder	American Medical Response	Milwaukie	OR
Andy	Brijmohansingh	Global Medical Response	Santa Rosa Heights, Arima	Trinidad & Tobago
Rick	Dodd	LifeNet	Texarkana	TX
David	Macias	Life Ambulance Service	El Paso	TX
Alejandro	Munoz	Life Ambulance Service	El Paso	TX
Pablo	Rios	American Medical Response	San Antonio	TX
Bryan	Shelton	LifeNet	Texarkana	TX
William	Mapes	Regional Ambulance Service	Rutland	VT
Lawrence J.	Salisbury	Bennington Rescue Squad	Bennington	VT
Rebecca	Ainley	American Medical Response	Seattle	WA
Niccole	Gibbs	American Medical Response	Vancouver	WA

WOMEN'S PREVENTIVE HEALTH SERVICES

Ms. CANTWELL. Madam President, I join my colleagues to come to the floor this afternoon and talk about tomorrow's votes on two different resolutions and to say that I am proud to join my female Senate Democratic colleagues in this effort and to speak out about this important issue.

To me the American people have sent us a clear message. They want us to focus on job creation, promoting innovation and putting Americans back to work. But instead tomorrow we will be on the Senate floor trying to defend access to health care for women. We will vote tomorrow on whether to defund Planned Parenthood, an agency that serves hundreds of thousands of people in my State on important exams such as breast examination and helping to prevent infections and various things.

And just a few weeks ago I talked about one of our constituents, a 22-year-old woman from Seattle, who was diagnosed with an abnormal growth on her cervix at Planned Parenthood and was able to receive life-saving treatment. She was uninsured, and without Planned Parenthood, she would not have been able to get that kind of treatment and certainly her health would have been in major danger in the future. I tell her story to emphasize the importance of Planned Parenthood on prevention and that they are centers of prevention for many, many women who have no other access to health care.

And so we cannot jeopardize the access to that preventive health care at a time when it is so important for us to reduce long-term costs. In fact, even in the investment area, every dollar invested in family planning and publicly funded family planning clinics saves about \$4 in Medicaid-related costs alone. So prevention of health care is good for us in saving dollars and it is certainly good for our individual constituents who have a lack of access to health care.

That is why I am so disappointed and the situation that we are having now where our colleagues are saying to us, you can get a budget deal, but you have to defund women's health care access to do so. The avoidance of a government shutdown has also brought on, I think, a challenge on the backs of women in the District of Columbia be-

cause it included a provision denying DC leaders the option of using locally raised funds to provide abortion services to low-income women.

For those who argue against big government this is a contradiction because this is a real imposition on the ability of elected officials in the District of Columbia to decide what to do with their locally raised funds. I know because I am in the Hart Building, what the Mayor and others on the council had to say about this. This is an imposition on the health services of low-income women in the District of Columbia and certainly has gone almost unnoticed in the eleventh hour. And I think sets a precedent for a dangerous slippery slope with what we are telling local governments to do.

But it is time for us to focus on our budget, living within our means, and getting back to work, but certainly not to try to do all of that on the backs of women. And it is not time to shut down access to women's health care. Republicans in the house have decided to wage war and to say women should be a bargaining chip.

Well, I think the American people have sent us a clear message. They want us to get back to work and they support Planned Parenthood and the efforts of Planned Parenthood on preventive health care and health care delivery services. A recent CNN poll showed that 65 percent of Americans polled support continued funding of Planned Parenthood.

And I know my colleagues on the other side of the aisle would like to say that these funds are used and helped in funding organizations that may be involved in doing full reproductive choice services. But I ask them to think about that issue and that logic. Where will they stop? It is Planned Parenthood today, but are they going to stop every institution in America from receiving Federal dollars?

It is illegal for Planned Parenthood to use Federal dollars for the full reproductive choice including abortion. It is illegal. You cannot use those funds. And yet the other side would like to say that this is an issue where they would like to stop Planned Parenthood today and then they will try to stop other organizations in the future.

It is time to say no to this tomorrow and to say no on trying to pull back

from the full health care funding bill at a time when we need to implement the reforms to keep costs down and to increase access for those who currently don't have access to health care and come back to the system with much more expensive health care needs in the future.

So I am very disappointed that at the eleventh hour of a budget debate that is about living within our means, about how we take the limited recovery we have had and move it forward economically, that instead we are saying we cannot move forward on a budget in a recovery until we take everything that we can away from women and access to women's health care.

We will fight this tomorrow and I am proud to be here with my colleagues to say we will be the last line of defense for women in America who are going about their busy lives right now, taking their kids to school, trying to juggle many things at home and work and they are every day as the budget people within their own homes trying to figure out how to live within their means and the national budget debate has broken to this point? We can only have a budget agreement if you defund women's full access to health care. That is wrong and we will be here tomorrow to fight this battle and speak up for women.

I just want to point out to my colleague, Senator KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND, that I remember in 1993, in the "year of the woman," when so many women got elected to Congress, it was the first time in the House of Representatives we had a woman on every single committee.

And the end result of that is we had an increase in funding for women's health research. So much of the research had been up to this point focused on men. Why? Because there wasn't anybody on the committee to speak up about how women had uniquely different health care needs and deserved to have a bigger share of funding for health care needs of women than were currently being funded.

That is what you get when you get representation and the women Senators will be here tomorrow to fight, to say that women deserve to have access to health care through Planned Parenthood and title X and, please, for those working moms who are out there juggling dealing with children and

childcare, dealing with their jobs, dealing with pay equity at work, dealing with all of these other issues that women are struggling with, that they don't have to be a pawn in the debate on the budget. That there are people who believe just like the majority of Americans do that we should move forward with this kind of preventive health care for women in America.

REMEMBERING MAX VAN DER STOEL

Mr. CARDIN. Madam President, as the Senate chairman of the U.S. Helsinki Commission, I rise today to pay tribute to Max van der Stoel, the first High Commissioner on National Minorities at the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, OSCE, who died last week at his home in The Hague at the age of 86. Van der Stoel, a two-time Dutch foreign minister, worked tirelessly throughout the OSCE region as High Commissioner from 1992 to 2001 to prevent crises involving minority issues.

Max van der Stoel had a life-long commitment to human rights. From his early life in Nazi-occupied Netherlands to defining moments spent with Soviet-era dissidents, van der Stoel was deeply affected by the abuses he witnessed. He described one such encounter, in then-Czechoslovakia in 1977, when as foreign minister he met with Charter 77 activist, Jan Patocka in full view of Czechoslovak authorities. Van der Stoel commented that, "This support was of great concern to the Communist authorities. After our short meeting, Professor Patocka was arrested and rigorously interrogated. He died of a heart attack the next day."

Following the first gulf war, van der Stoel was appointed U.N. Human Rights Representative for Iraq, and he continued to raise human rights concerns in Iraq throughout the 1990s.

In 1992, he was appointed as the OSCE's first High Commissioner on National Minorities, HCNM, with a mandate aimed at preventing conflict through quiet diplomacy and early warning to the OSCE countries. His successes in that role are largely unrecognized, as they lie in what did not happen rather than in what did. He traveled to countries where tensions were rising, encouraged dialogue, and made practical recommendations to address underlying issues related to ethnic tension.

He worked in Estonia and Latvia in the early 1990s to address the processing for acquiring citizenship—which at the time disadvantaged particularly ethnic Russians in the newly independent states because of stringent language testing. He was the OSCE Chairmanship's Personal Representative on Kosovo—although unfortunately his early warnings in 1997 and 1998 went unheeded by policymakers. His work on inter-ethnic relations and education in Macedonia resulted in the

establishment of the South Eastern European University in Tetovo in 2001, which is still a model for integrated education. Throughout his time as HCNM, he promoted rights for Roma, the single largest minority in the OSCE region as a whole.

His job was not easy, but his integrity, commitment, and diplomatic skills paved the way for his successors and built the position of the HCNM into one of the most effective OSCE tools for conflict prevention. His legacy to the OSCE is not only the work he did as HCNM, but the advice he left behind on the importance of early action to prevent conflict.

In his last statement to the OSCE Permanent Council in 2001, he said:

Governments should see the self-interest in protecting minority rights and living in peaceful and prosperous multi-ethnic states. The only people who profit from inter-ethnic conflict are nationalist entrepreneurs. That is not a business that reaps long term profits. In the end, intolerance, violence and instability hurt us all.

I maintain that preventing inter-ethnic conflict will continue to be one of the organization's biggest challenges in the near future. Despite improvements in many OSCE states, conflicts still rage and tensions boil below the surface. We have to sharpen our tools and invest sufficient resources to ensure that we remain on the cutting edge of conflict prevention. . . . Collectively, we must do more to act in response to the warning signs. It is not enough to admonish States for falling short of their commitments. A concerted response by the international community must be resolute, targeted, and timely.

. . . When a crisis becomes acute, everyone wonders what went wrong or what steps should be taken to contain the situation. Things do not need to get to that point. While Foreign Ministries seem to be increasingly sensitive to the benefits of relatively limited funding, treasuries are still hesitant to invest in preventing the conflicts of tomorrow. We need to put our money where our mouth is. It makes political and financial sense to put resources into keeping multi-ethnic states together, rather than bailing them out after they have fallen apart.

His words are as timely and relevant today as they were 10 years ago. It is my hope that, inspired by the dedication and accomplishments of Max van der Stoel, the United States and its allies will strive to ensure that ethnic tension and human rights violations are not allowed to fester until they erupt into conflict.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT MCCARTHY

Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts. Madam President, today I wish to recognize Robert McCarthy of Watertown, MA, who is retiring after 23 years as president of the Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts. As a fire fighter, Bob McCarthy fought to save lives and property from fires and accidents. As head of the PFFM, Bob fought to protect and defend his 12,000 PFFM brothers and sisters.

Thanks to his leadership, the Commonwealth's professional fire fighters

are healthier, safer, better equipped and better trained. And of course, better equipped, better trained fire fighters mean increased public safety.

For Bob McCarthy, fire fighting came naturally; you might say it was in his blood. Like his father and grandfather before him, Bob was a Watertown fireman, rising through the ranks to become captain of the Watertown Fire Department. When he retired from actively fighting fires, he dedicated his life to fighting for his fellow firemen.

Bob McCarthy served as the union's legislative agent for 2 years before being elected president of the PFFM in 1987. As president, Bob was a highly effective advocate for Massachusetts' professional fire fighters. Believe me; as soon as an issue arose that impacted his members, it was usually about thirty seconds before my office phone rang.

I would like to note just a few of Bob McCarthy's many accomplishments as president of the PFFM. Bob McCarthy was a major force in the passage of a cancer presumption law which protects firefighters for 5 additional years after they retire. He worked diligently to maintain laws pertaining to fire fighters' heart and lung health and to preserve grants for better safety gear. He played a major role in funding critical incident stress management for the fire service. And one of his greatest legacies are the biennial educational seminars which play a vital role in ensuring that Massachusetts' professional fire fighters receive ongoing education on the latest safety issues.

Bob McCarthy hasn't limited his service to fire fighters; he was also a valued member of numerous boards of directors of leading firms and organizations in my State. It is hard to gauge just how many people's lives he has not only impacted but actually saved. All too often the focus is on what is lost in fires. What goes unreported is what professional firefighters save. Not only thousands of lives and homes, but pets and items of sentimental value.

Bob leaves the PFFM in the very able hands of Mr. Ed Kelly who was sworn in as president last month. This evening, the Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts will celebrate Bob's 26 years of service to his community at their annual dinner. I join their 12,000 members in honoring Bob McCarthy for his service to the PFFM and my Commonwealth, and wish Bob and his wife Dorothy all the very best in the years ahead.

FRATERNAL BENEFIT SOCIETIES

Mr. KOHL. Madam President, I rise today to praise the work of fraternal benefit societies, little-known but critical nonprofit organizations that meet the needs of millions of Americans day in and day out. There are over 9 million fraternal members across the country.

Every day, their volunteers supplement the social services provided by overburdened government agencies—